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RE: Application of Midlands Utility, Inc., for Modification of its Tariff for  
Wastewater Service and Rate Adjustment Request  
DOCKET NO 2012-40-S

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please find enclosed the Affidavit of Publication of the Notice of Filing for the above referenced docket that was published in the Lexington County Chronicle on February 9, 2012

Should you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
MIDLANDS UTILITY, INC.

  
Keith G. Parnell, PE

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cc: file

ORS w/encl.

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## Affidavit of Publication

I hereby certify that on the dates appearing below, I did publish the attached notice in The Lexington County Chronicle & The Dispatch-News, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Lexington, State of South Carolina, in accordance with the laws of said county and state.

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*Kirsten E. Elin*

The Lexington County Chronicle  
& The Dispatch-News

Sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
February, 2012.

*Hilda Crain*  
Hilda Crain  
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission expires: October 7, 2019

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**NOTICE OF FILING**  
DOCKET NO.  
**2012-40-S**

APPLICATION OF  
MIDLANDS UTILITIES,  
INC. FOR MODIFICA-  
TION OF ITS TARIFF FOR  
WASTEWATER SERVICE  
AND RATE ADJUSTMENT  
REQUEST

Midlands Utility, Inc. (Midlands or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) to modify the terms of its rate schedule for wastewater service to residential and commercial customers in Richland, Lexington, Orangeburg and Fairfield Counties. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-5-10 and 58-5-20. In its Application, Midlands requests permission to implement an analytical testing fee.

According to the Application, both public and private entities provide bulk wastewater treatment services for Midlands Utility, Inc. One provider has required analytical testing to determine the strength of the wastewater, and additional charges are added if certain parameters of the wastewater are exceeded.

This analytical testing is required and performed on a quarterly basis, and the costs are presently \$74.00 per sample. The Company opines that these costs should be allocated and passed through to the customers that benefit from the treatment. Pass-through costs will be passed through on a pro-rata basis without markup. In sum, Midlands requests modification of the language in its tariff, and approval of its request to add the analytical testing fee, without a hearing.

A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Clerk's Office, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and is available from Keith Parnell, President, Midlands Utility, Inc., 816 East Main Street, Lexington, South Carolina 29072.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before March 2, 2012, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2012-40-S.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Clerk's Office, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1403 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 and Keith Parnell, President, at the above address, on or before March 2, 2012, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to Docket No. 2012-40-S.

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Clerk's Office, in writing, at the address below on or before March 2, 2012. Please refer to Docket No. 2012-40-S.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding MUST present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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